



Today's News

Discrimination

We all have been bombarded with the plague of discrimination in all its various forms. We witness this in the media, in the classroom, on the job, in churches, and religions in all their various forms and fashions.

Discrimination:

Treating people differently through prejudice.

Unfair treatment of one person or group, usually because of prejudice about race, ethnicity, age, religion or gender.

We have all been guilty in one or more of these categories. The question is how does this come about? Were we born with prejudice? Or was it a learned behavior due to our families, or society in general? Do we accept others at face value, or do we put them in categories upon meeting them? When this happens, do our prejudices keep us from seeing the true worth of that person and he or she is crossed off our list of "acceptable people?"

And so it is, we cut ourselves off from relationships that could enrich our lives and add continuity to our character. Our world becomes narrow and restricted, and we are poorer because of it.

Did God make the races? Did he make men and women of different colors, and did he not make each an individual so that each person is unique in his own right?

Christ did come to his own nation of Israel, first and foremost. This was not discrimination, however. He commissioned the Apostle Paul, and others, to take the gospel to the Gentiles and they were to eventually reach the whole world! This is happening in our day, and thankfully there are churches that welcome everyone, no matter what color or station in life they may be.

The next time you meet someone, forget judgment of that person and give yourself a chance to accept them and see them through the eyes of our Maker, who loves everyone!